Special Chapter 7

Getting Along

What do you think?
Yup.
They're beautiful.
Leaf, would you like to...
...
What's going on...?
This... It's that dream again...
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Oh hi... It's been a month since we last talked...
So um... What is it now? Last time, you just asked me to eat more chocolate.
What do you know? I can understand you clearly now.
Hi...
I... I just want to talk.
Huh...?
To start off, I've never introduced myself to you. I'm Solarflare, you can call me Flare for short.
I already know that.
Oh... Then it's my turn to ask. What's your name?
Hmm... You don't have a name then. Let me think...
I... I do not know...
Mr. Flare, what are you thinking about?
I know! I'm gonna call you Fluffy.
You don't like it?
?
No, I just never had a name before. It is nice.
If you don't mind me asking... What are you?
Amorphanism?
I don't know what that is... So what do you call yourself?
Nice. So... What about your appearance?
From what I got from the memory of my precursors, they called themselves "Amorphanism".
Yes.
Fluffy?

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Originally, we do not have our own specific appearance. We copy our host's body to have an appearance. If our host's body change, our appearance changes as well. However, I managed to change this role. I did not alter my form to match your current appearance.
Host? Oh right, you're in my mind.
Hmm...
Nothing... How about how you look more alive each time we talk? You were emotionless and had no mouth before.
Something is wrong?
It is affected by our bond. The stronger it is, the more alive I become. What are you doing, Mr. Flare?
Still can't touch you...
Wow... Can you estimate the percentage of our bond now?
You can once our bond reaches 50.00% link.
42.35%
That's a lot. What can I do to increase it that fast?
Feed me more chocolate!
Feed? Hold on, you mean I only go crazy over it because of you?
If you mean present, yes. If you mean past, both of us.
Yeah... I admit I did go crazy over it before, but things change, you know.

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Speaking of change, can I copy the voice of your little sister?
That one.
I have been hearing her voice ever since the day she was hatched via your body. Of course, I can mimic her.
Little sister... Oh, you mean Sunshine?
How are you going to copy her voice?
I thought you said you can only mimic me.
I have altered my purpose and roles before, I know I can do it again.
We were created from the hatred of an unknown creature towards the world for taking everything from him and the power of a mythical creature. We called that unknown creature "Father" and the mythical creature "God". However, none of us remember who they were nor what they looked like.
Our main purpose was to carry on Father's hatred by killing any beings we can find. There are still some creatures in this world that we cannot touch. I believe they might be the same type of species as our God.
Okay, what was your purpose?
About that...
Your purpose is pointless.
That is right. Even you can see that it is senseless.
This is getting confusing...
I believe it is time we part. I look forward to talking with you again, Mr. Flare.
Wait, there's still so much I want to know--

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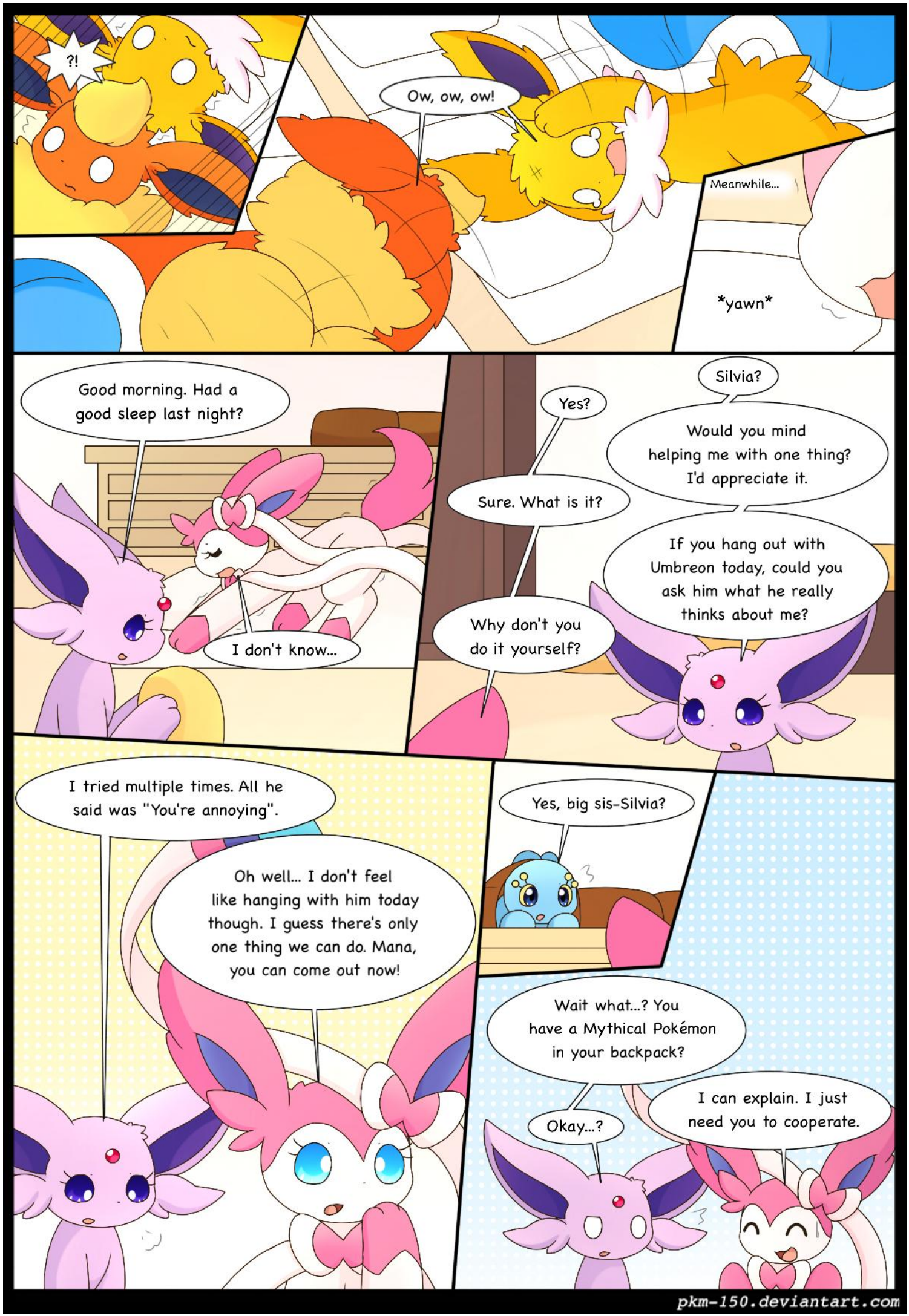
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Ow, ow, ow!
Meanwhile...
yawn
Good morning. Had a good sleep last night?
I don't know...
Silvia?
Yes?
Would you mind helping me with one thing? I'd appreciate it.
Sure. What is it?
If you hang out with Umbreon today, could you ask him what he really thinks about me?
Why don't you do it yourself?
I tried multiple times. All he said was "You're annoying".
Oh well... I don't feel like hanging with him today though. I guess there's only one thing we can do. Mana, you can come out now!
Yes, big sis-Silvia?
Wait what...? You have a Mythical Pokémon in your backpack?
Okay...?
I can explain. I just need you to cooperate.

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I just remembered, you got my daddy's name wrong. It's "Frank", not "Fred".
They sounded so similar. Okay, I'll keep that in mind.
Alright! Let's get this started, shall we?
Meanwhile...
Let's train!
Maybe ask that gloomy Umbreon to join us too!
Not today, man...
I bet you just want to hang out with the ladies~
That's not funny.
Wait, I have something to ask you. It's about that gloomy Umbreon.
What was the relationship between you and him? He seems really mad at you.
We had... a brother-like relationship before that day... The day that broke our bond all because of a lie.
A lie? Wow... I think you should talk it out with him. Maybe he'll forgive you.
It's easier said than done.
sigh I'm listening...
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Hey...
Sorry for not telling you sooner...
What?
That was your mistake.
Hey, man! Don't treat my bro like that.
You need to chill out!
What is it to you? Stay out of this.
That's enough.
Excuse me.
Am I interrupting you?
You're just in time. Tell him to stop treating Yellow badly when he apologized.
Black, I would like you to come with me. Just the two of us.
Same thing we always do, I suppose.
Okay... What do you want to do?
Woh, woh, woh! What?!

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I won't allow you to date my sister!
Come on, man. You should be the one to calm down.
Well, I... Fine...
Silvia, don't you dare fall for him!
Don't mind him.
I'm so mad right now... He dares treat you badly and even tries to date my little sister.
That's not fair.
Don't mind him. He's been through a lot and I deserve to be treated like that.
Hello~
Oh hi, Pearl.
Jolteon, I would like you to come with me. I have to go grocery shopping.
I guess that's nice. Maybe it can refresh my mind.
Great! Come on, let's go!
No rushing.
Okay... Have fun, man.
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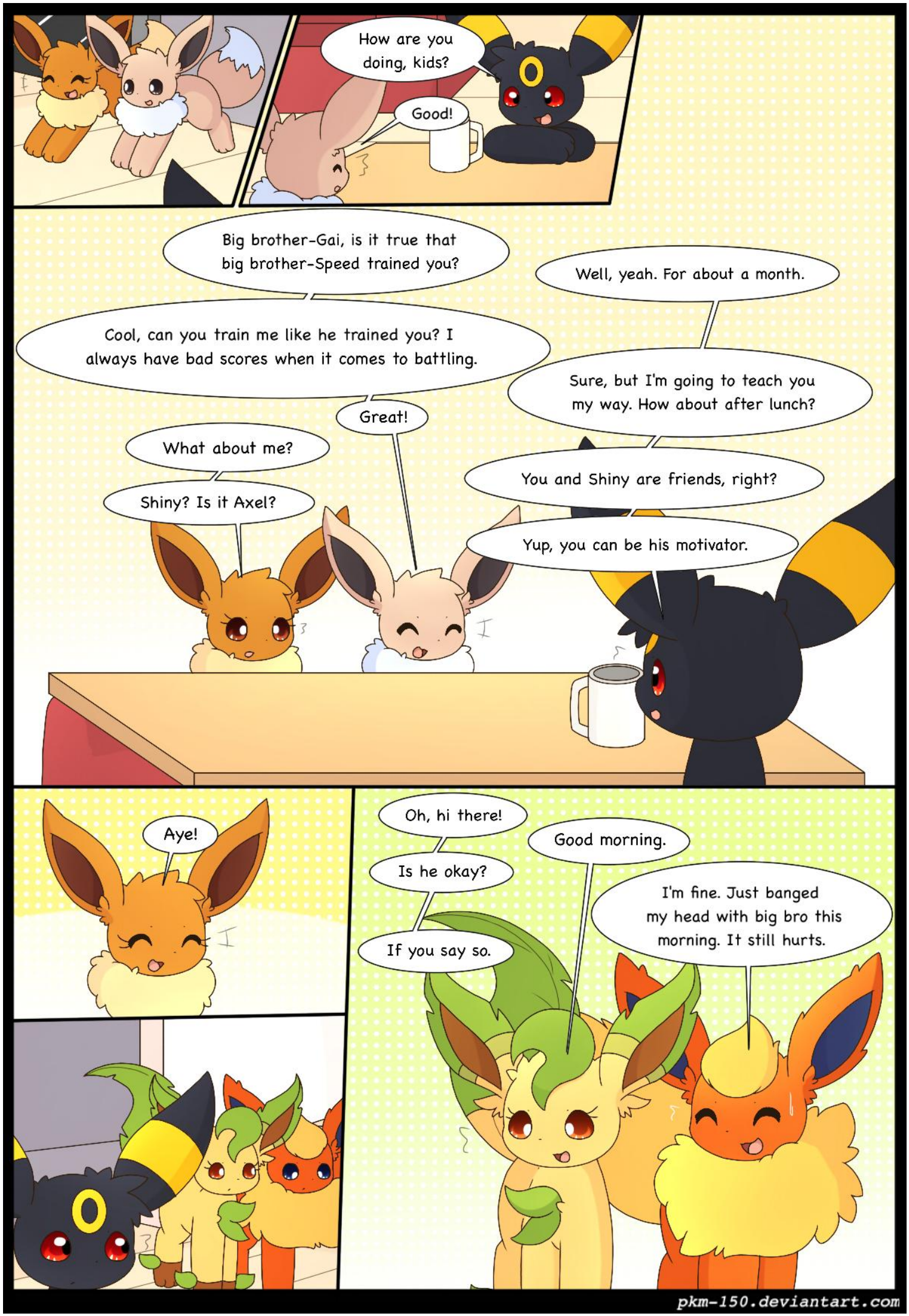
How are you doing, kids?
Good!
Big brother-Gai, is it true that big brother-Speed trained you?
Well, yeah. For about a month.
Cool, can you train me like he trained you? I always have bad scores when it comes to battling.
Sure, but I'm going to teach you my way. How about after lunch?
Great!
What about me?
Shiny? Is it Axel?
You and Shiny are friends, right?
Yup, you can be his motivator.
Aye!
Oh, hi there!
Good morning.
Is he okay?
I'm fine. Just banged my head with big bro this morning. It still hurts.
If you say so.

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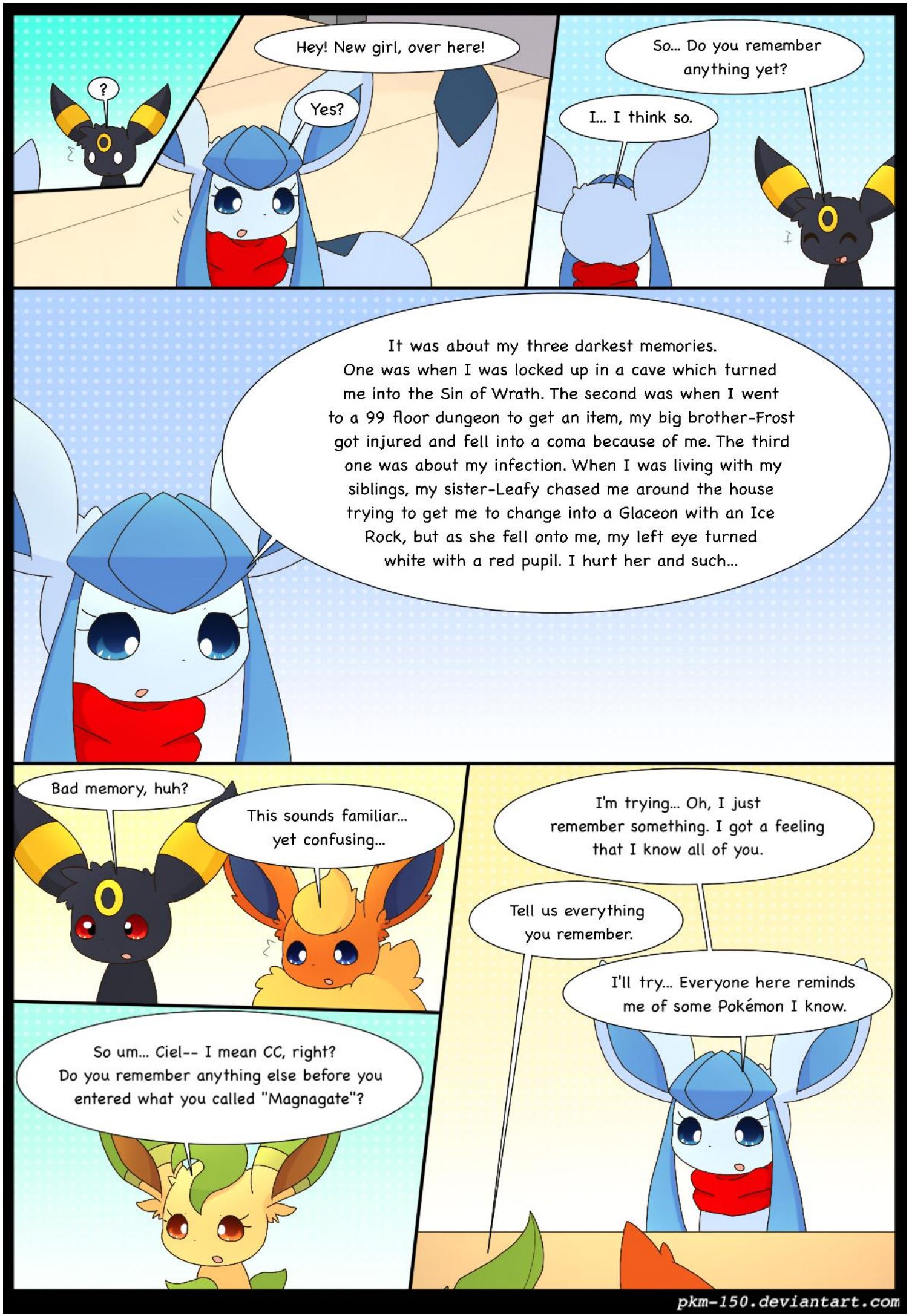
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Hey! New girl, over here!
Yes?
So... Do you remember anything yet?
I... I think so.
It was about my three darkest memories. One was when I was locked up in a cave which turned me into the Sin of Wrath. The second was when I went to a 99 floor dungeon to get an item, my big brother-Frost got injured and fell into a coma because of me. The third one was about my infection. When I was living with my siblings, my sister-Leafy chased me around the house trying to get me to change into a Glaceon with an Ice Rock, but as she fell onto me, my left eye turned white with a red pupil. I hurt her and such...
Bad memory, huh?
This sounds familiar... yet confusing...
I'm trying... Oh, I just remember something. I got a feeling that I know all of you.
Tell us everything you remember.
I'll try... Everyone here reminds me of some Pokémon I know.
So um... Ciel-- I mean CC, right? Do you remember anything else before you entered what you called "Magnagate"?
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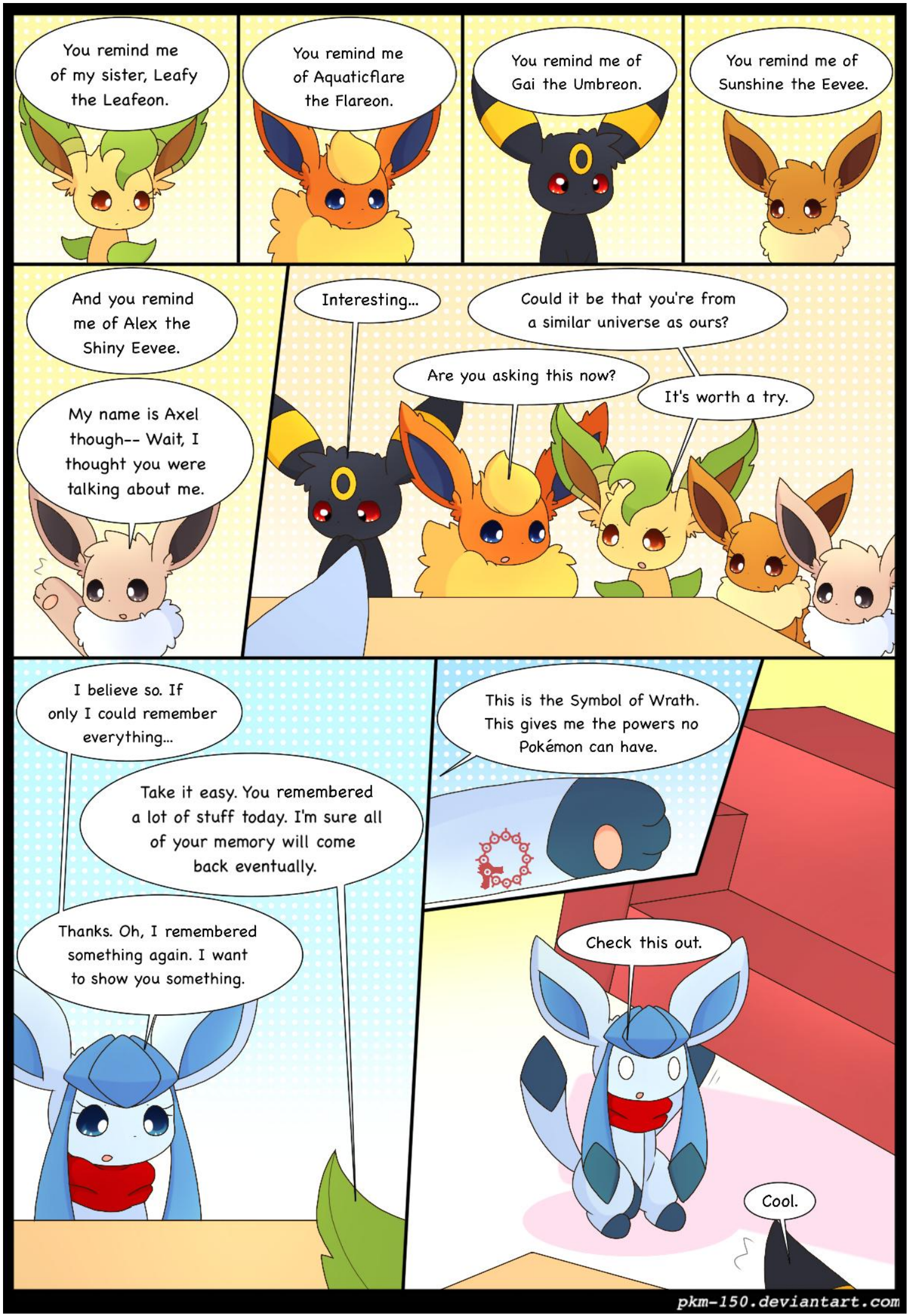
You remind me of my sister, Leafy the Leafeon.
You remind me of Aquaticflare the Flareon.
You remind me of Gai the Umbreon.
You remind me of Sunshine the Eevee.
And you remind me of Alex the Shiny Eevee.
My name is Axel though-- Wait, I thought you were talking about me.
Interesting...
Could it be that you're from a similar universe as ours?
Are you asking this now?
It's worth a try.
I believe so. If only I could remember everything...
Take it easy. You remembered a lot of stuff today. I'm sure all of your memory will come back eventually.
Thanks. Oh, I remembered something again. I want to show you something.
This is the Symbol of Wrath. This gives me the powers no Pokémon can have.
Check this out.
Cool.

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So um... Is Gai from your world as cool as me?
I suppose so.
Try to remember more. What do you usually do around him?
Hmm... Training.
Nice. What do you think about him?
He's... kind and funny. Just like you, I guess.
Cool! So um... do you like me like you do to him?
Yes, I do like you.
Yes...
What does he do everyday when not training with you?
Hmm... Stalking girls.
Stalking girls? He's worse than our big brother-Gai! There's no way he's the same as him.
Am I right?
Y-yeah...
sigh I don't think this is gonna work out...
Meanwhile...
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sigh

Here you go.

You've paid for me?

Well, yes.

That's strange. Usually I'm the one who'd do it.

I'd have to do it once in a while.

This is your first time.

Are you okay...?

Fine...

It's been a real shock knowing that you and Speed knew each other before. What really happened actually?

You want to know?

Only if you want to tell.

I don't know how I should put this...

Back then, we were friends, close friends. He was there for me when I was feeling blue, or alone. He.. acted like I was his brother. We've worked at the same place, except he was a part-timer, and I was on full-time, and still am.

Sometimes, I just wanted to work with him to deliver the packages. And other times, I just couldn't wait for him to visit my house... Maybe he just reminded me of my deceased brother...

However, everything changed that day...

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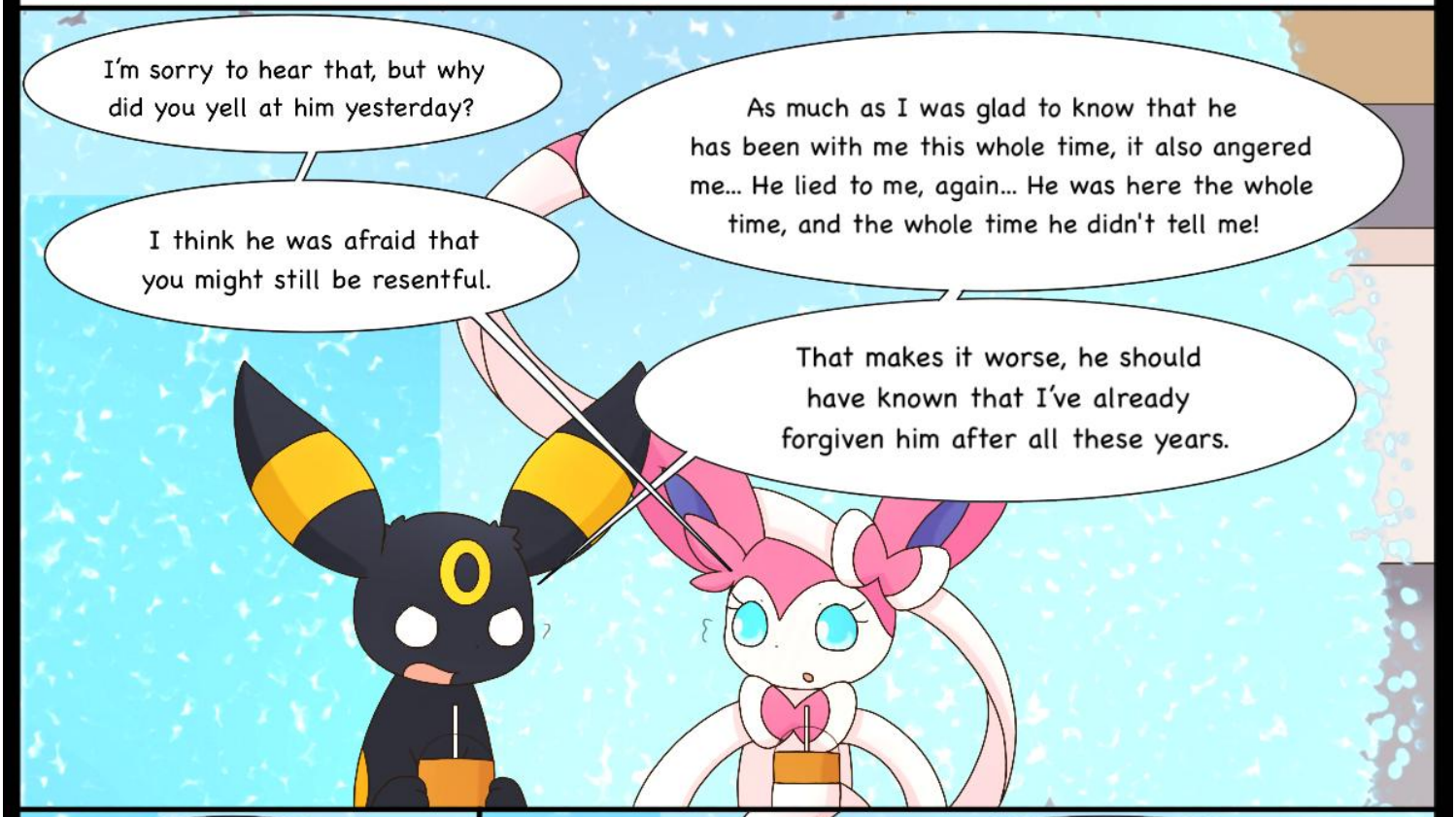
I snapped at him when I found out, that he lied about knowing how to fight, and that he was a rescuer. I said to him, "I hate you! I never want to see your face ever again!", and... He took my words to heart. He quit his job, and started to distance himself from me the next day..

Guess what? The day I snapped at him was the day he won the tournament. I ruined it for him. I tried to apologize, so many times. But he just continued to run away!


I'm sorry to hear that, but why did you yell at him yesterday?
I think he was afraid that you might still be resentful.
As much as I was glad to know that he has been with me this whole time, it also angered me... He lied to me, again... He was here the whole time, and the whole time he didn't tell me!
That makes it worse, he should have known that I've already forgiven him after all these years.

Why do I bother bringing this up anyways? We're supposed to be here to have fun.
No, no, it's fine. I feel a bit better now.
I'm sorry, I shouldn't have asked this.
No need. You can ask now.
I have one more thing that I want to ask you, but I guess I can ask later...
Okay...

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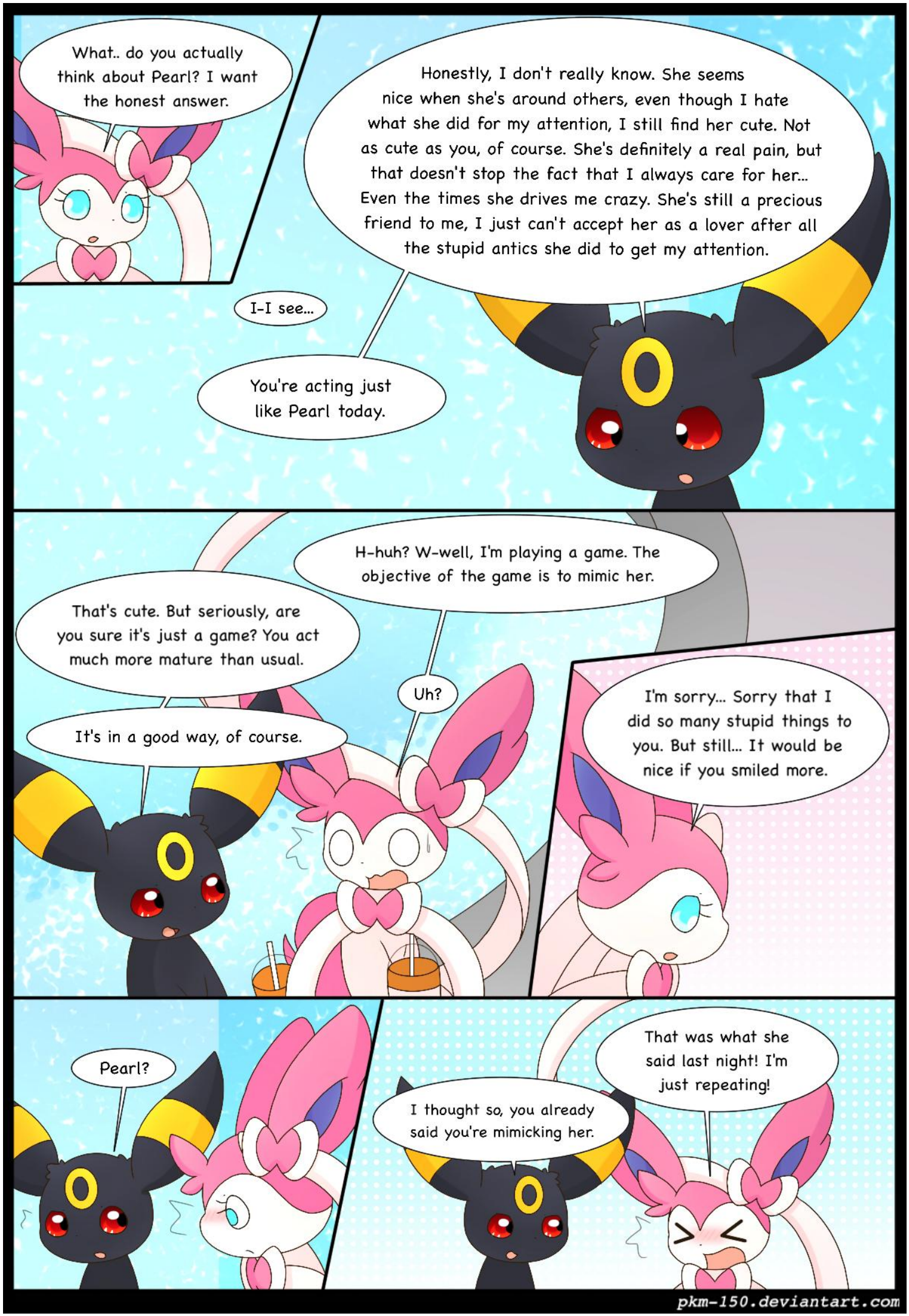
What.. do you actually think about Pearl? I want the honest answer.
Honestly, I don't really know. She seems nice when she's around others, even though I hate what she did for my attention, I still find her cute. Not as cute as you, of course. She's definitely a real pain, but that doesn't stop the fact that I always care for her... Even the times she drives me crazy. She's still a precious friend to me, I just can't accept her as a lover after all the stupid antics she did to get my attention.
I-I see...
You're acting just like Pearl today.
H-huh? W-well, I'm playing a game. The objective of the game is to mimic her.
That's cute. But seriously, are you sure it's just a game? You act much more mature than usual.
Uh?
It's in a good way, of course.
I'm sorry... Sorry that I did so many stupid things to you. But still... It would be nice if you smiled more.
Pearl?
That was what she said last night! I'm just repeating!
I thought so, you already said you're mimicking her.
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You know, you're really cute when you're blushing.
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...
...
Are you okay?
You don't look fine.
I-I'm fine...
sob
sob
Please don't cry.
Feeling better?
Mmhmm...
Let me wipe away your tears, you seemed to get emotional so suddenly. What's the matter?
Sorry...
It's okay.
You're getting too close...
S-sorry about that.
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Sorry about earlier... Where do we go next?
Like where?
Somewhere that can cheer you up?
You think so?
Anywhere, this place is really big. We haven't explored all the stalls yet. So there has got to be a place that can make you feel better.
Positive.
You wanted me to smile more, right? You should do the same like you always do. Always be cheerful and happy.
Like this...?
I'm sure you can do better than that.
How.. about now?
Better.
Let's go.
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Meanwhile...
Mmh~
This tastes really good~
You should try one.
Hey, are you listening? Hey!
Yeah, yeah, I'm listening.
Could you explain why we're
not grocery shopping yet?
Shopping can wait. We still
have a whole day to do it.
I thought we were supposed
to do grocery shopping,
not hanging out.
Come on, it's fun.
You're much more cheerful than usual.
Because we're on vacation,
let's go somewhere else.
Soon...
A park..?
Yup.
Come on, let's go!
You're not coming?
Let's just go grocery shopping
and get this over with.
But...
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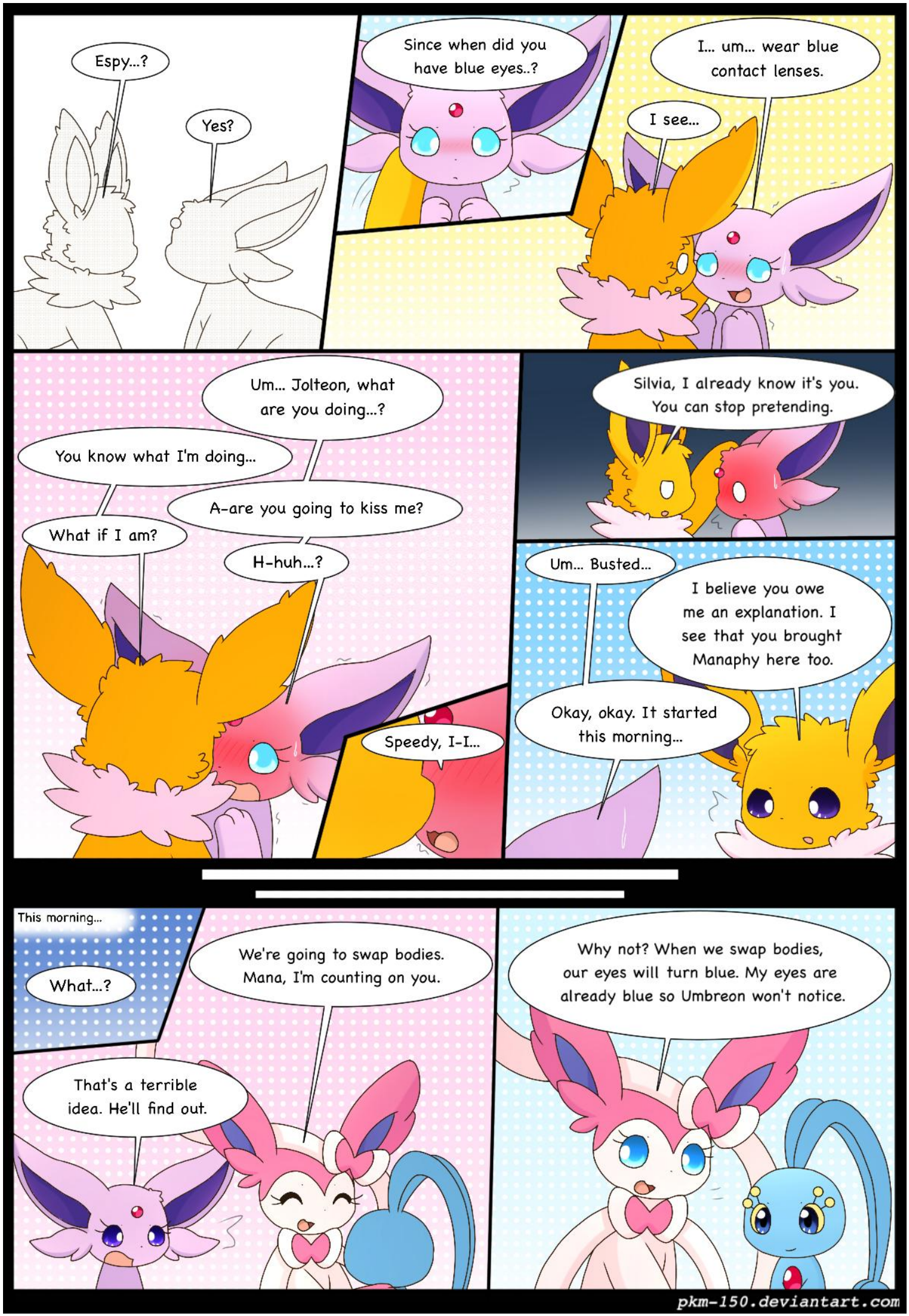
Espy...?
Yes?
Since when did you have blue eyes..?
I... um... wear blue contact lenses.
I see...
Um... Jolteon, what are you doing...?
You know what I'm doing...
A-are you going to kiss me?
What if I am?
H-huh...?
Speedy, I-I...
Silvia, I already know it's you. You can stop pretending.
Um... Busted...
I believe you owe me an explanation. I see that you brought Manaphy here too.
Okay, okay. It started this morning...
This morning...
What...?
We're going to swap bodies. Mana, I'm counting on you.
That's a terrible idea. He'll find out.
Why not? When we swap bodies, our eyes will turn blue. My eyes are already blue so Umbreon won't notice.
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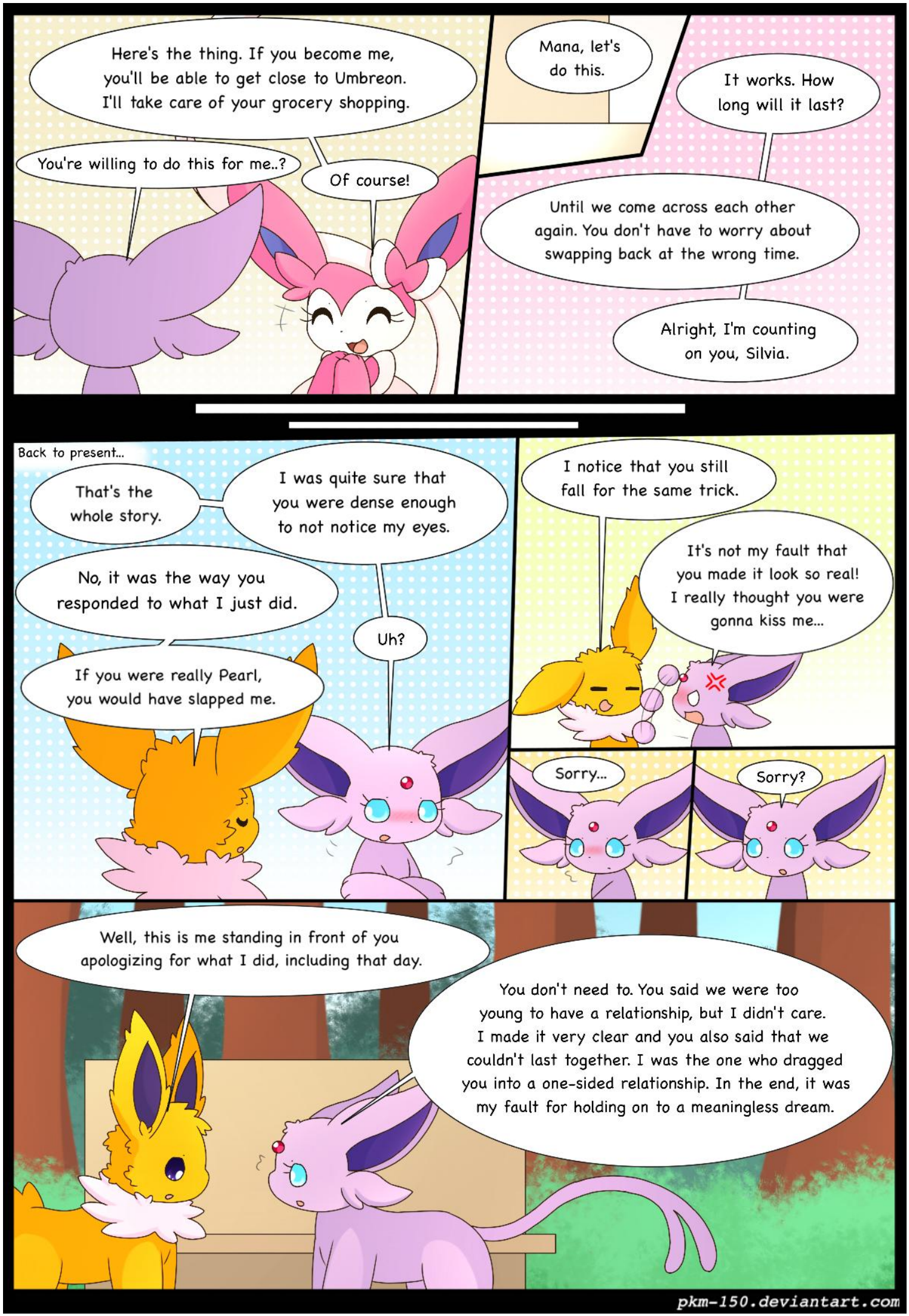
Here's the thing. If you become me, you'll be able to get close to Umbreon. I'll take care of your grocery shopping.
You're willing to do this for me..?
Of course!
Mana, let's do this.
It works. How long will it last?
Until we come across each other again. You don't have to worry about swapping back at the wrong time.
Alright, I'm counting on you, Silvia.
Back to present...
That's the whole story.
I was quite sure that you were dense enough to not notice my eyes.
No, it was the way you responded to what I just did.
Uh?
If you were really Pearl, you would have slapped me.
I notice that you still fall for the same trick.
It's not my fault that you made it look so real! I really thought you were gonna kiss me...
Sorry...
Sorry?
Well, this is me standing in front of you apologizing for what I did, including that day.
You don't need to. You said we were too young to have a relationship, but I didn't care. I made it very clear and you also said that we couldn't last together. I was the one who dragged you into a one-sided relationship. In the end, it was my fault for holding on to a meaningless dream.

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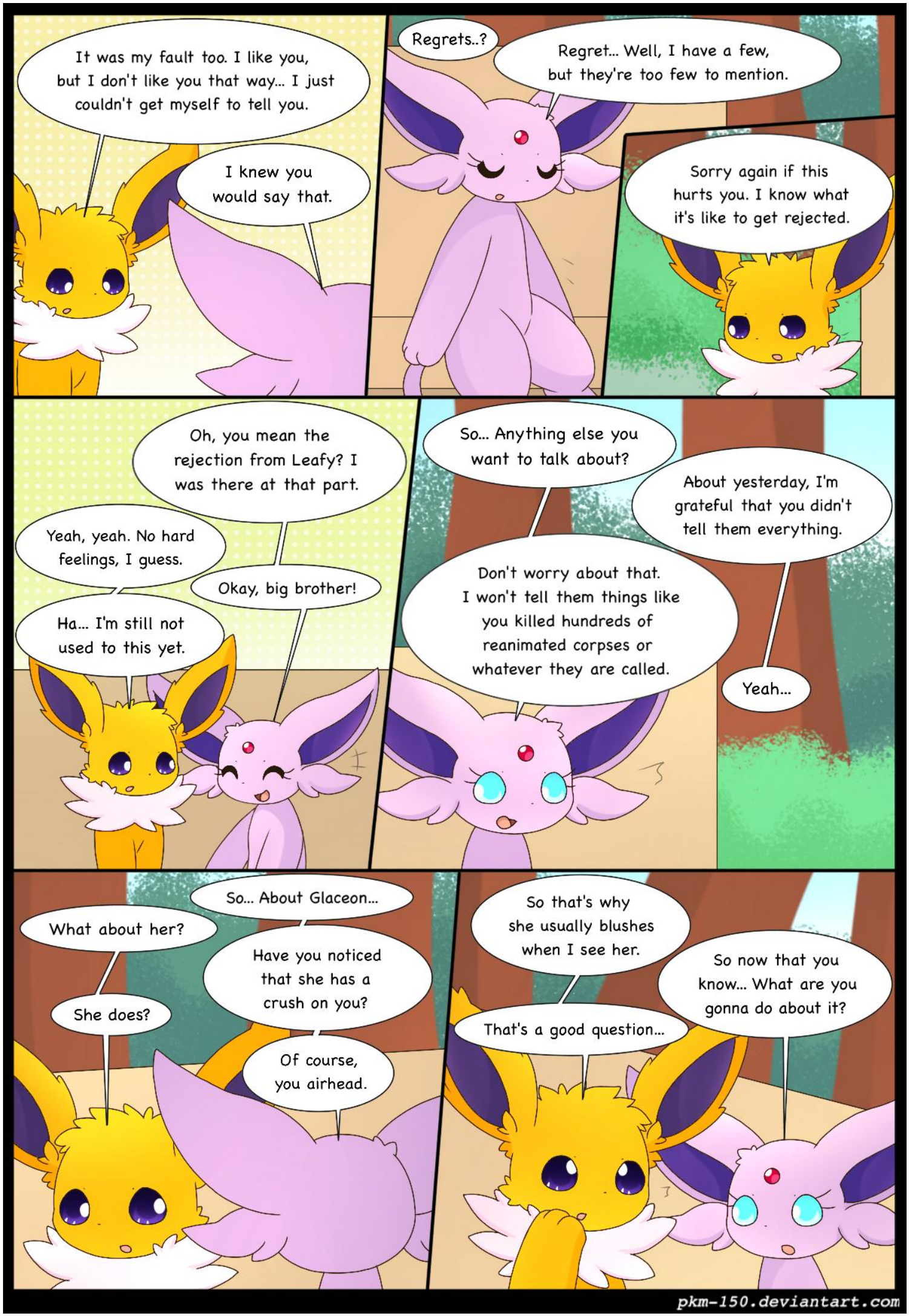
It was my fault too. I like you, but I don't like you that way... I just couldn't get myself to tell you.
I knew you would say that.
Regrets..?
Regret... Well, I have a few, but they're too few to mention.
Sorry again if this hurts you. I know what it's like to get rejected.
Oh, you mean the rejection from Leafy? I was there at that part.
Yeah, yeah. No hard feelings, I guess.
Okay, big brother!
Ha... I'm still not used to this yet.
So... Anything else you want to talk about?
About yesterday, I'm grateful that you didn't tell them everything.
Don't worry about that. I won't tell them things like you killed hundreds of reanimated corpses or whatever they are called.
Yeah...
So... About Glaceon...
What about her?
Have you noticed that she has a crush on you?
She does?
Of course, you airhead.
So that's why she usually blushes when I see her.
So now that you know... What are you gonna do about it?
That's a good question...
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Nothing.
Seriously?
I somehow find her cute just the way she is, despite knowing her mean side. Maybe I do like her...
Seriously?!
What's up with your expression?
That's not fair!
Jealous?
What? No! It's not fair that you only see me as a little sister...
You want the answer? First of all, you're as childish as my sister. It makes me feel weird when dating you. Second, dating you makes me feel like I'm dating my own sister...
You should have told me that a long time ago.
Okay, okay, that was my fault. You said you'd have no hard feelings. Let's just go shopping.
You can stop blushing now.
I'm not blushing!
Haha, you're really acting like Glacy.
Meanwhile...
sigh
Hi, there~
Kya!
Whatcha doing?
N-nothing. Just catching some fresh air.

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So... You like Jolteon?
N-no!
I'm not!
You may be saying that, but you're blushing~
Is it that hard to admit it?
Come on, you can tell me~
Then quit acting like Sylveon and be yourself!
What? I'm being myself all the time. Would you please?
Okay, you got me! I like him! Happy?
Aw~ You're so cute when you're blushing~
No, I'm not!
Yes, you are~
So... What's your plan?
What plan?
You know, Sylveon had already told me everything 2 months ago.
I knew it! Who else did she tell?
Just me. You're just too obvious. Anyways, I would suggest you to act nicer.
I'm trying...
So do you want me to tell him? Or do it yourself?
I-I... I w-want to do it myself wh-when...
When the right time comes?
Y-yes.
That's good.

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So will you let me call you sister?
I don't know...
You're shy, aren't you?
Of course, I am! You're asking me this...
Fair enough. Let's go inside.
Pl-please don't tell him.
Look, if I wanted to tell him, I would have done it months ago.
Come on, you can trust me.
Hard to believe when you're acting like Sylveon...
Speaking of Sylveon... I wonder what it would be like to have my best friend as my sister...
What do you mean?
Oh, nothing. Just a wild guess~
Soon...
We're back!
Daddy!
Big brother-Speed!
Did you two have fun?
Aye!
Big bro, you're back.
Hey...
Hi.
So what did you bring?
Food and drinks for tomorrow. Now we just need to store them.
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C-could I help?
We'll help too.
Sure.
Glacy?
Y-yes?
Keep it cool.
No need to blush.
Eh?
I'm not blushing!
It's just hot in here!
Yeah, yeah.
Espy, come here
for a minute.
Mmhmm?
So... Silvia, what are
you going to do now?
Wait until they come
back, of course. I want
my own body back now.
Soon...
Oh, you're back.
Hi... Do you know
where Pearl is?
Thanks.
Pearl... Oh, she went to
the beach with Jolteon.
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You're fine with Espeon hanging out with Jolteon?
I know Espy, so I'm sure it's fine.
Oh, good.
Come to think of it, was it just me or did Espeon have blue eyes back then?
I didn't take a close look at her, but no way, she has purple eyes like mine.
Maybe it was just me...
I'm back.
So... How did it go?
You knew?
I wasn't there for the whole part.
Finally~

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Yeah, how did it go?
I don't know... He seems to like you a lot...
Are you feeling sad because of that?
No, no, I'm fine. At least I know now about his honest thoughts about me.
Oh...
Are you sure you're okay?
I'm perfectly fine, let's look forward to the beach party tomorrow. Did you buy everything?
Great!
Yup.
So... Chill, is that Jolteon really big brother-Speedy?
Yup.
Will you tell him like you told me a few hours ago that you've been following him the whole time?
That was his last job request for me.
Nah, just let it be. He told me I could choose to do whatever I want so I chose to keep following him and help his family when needed while also trying not to interfere too much in his life.
End of Special Chapter 7

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